

RUFUS CALL, JR.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 544.]

MARCH 30, 1860.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and papers of Rufus Call, jr., praying for a pension, make the following report :

It appears from the evidence that the petitioner, Rufus Call, jr., was a private in the first regiment of mounted infantry of the United States army during the war of 1812 with Great Britain, as was also his father, and both in the same company.

The evidence shows that he was detached with others to protect a party of troops engaged in destroying a bridge across the river below Plattsburg, by order of the American commander, and while thus engaged they were fired upon by a party of the British from the opposite side of the river, and a ball struck the petitioner in the forehead and glanced from thence, struck and lodged in his wrist while ramming home a load in his musket. The certificate of the surgeon shows that he lost the use of his right arm in consequence.

He applied to the Pension office for a pension, but it was refused for the reason that the company rolls only speak of his enlistment and discharge, without noting his wound. This omission of the office is fully remedied by the evidence before your committee, and they feel fully warranted in reporting the accompanying bill for the relief of the said Rufus Call, jr.

